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TO MSGBN WASHDC PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE PRIORITY
SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1213

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 11516

KIN FOR RSO; SECSTATE FOR A/SY/FO

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI
SUBJ: MSG LIBREVILLE

A. KINSHASA 7902 170930Z SEP 74 (CONF) NOTAL)
B. SECSTATE 208966 231413Z SEP 74 (LOU) (NOTAL)
C. MSGBN 181638Z SEP 74 (NOTAL
D. ADDIS 10478 040526Z SEP 74 (NOTAL)
E. KINSHASA 8083 231600Z SEP 74 (CONF) (NOTAL)
F. MEMO AGREEMENT, DOS/DOD (MSG HANDBOOK OF 1MAR74, APPENDIX I)

1. IN VIEW CURRENT THREAT AGAINST AMBASSADOR LIBREVILLE, REF A REQUESTED "ASAP THE ADDITIONAL MSG FOR THE DETACHMENT IN LIBREVILLE" AT THAT TIME T/O FOR LIBREVILLE WAS 1/6 WITH ON BOARD STR OF 1/4 AWAITING REASG OF CPL SMITHER FR KINSHASA. WITH ARR OF CPL SMITHER ON 20 SEP LIBREVILLE NOW HAS 1/5 ON HAND.

2. REF B REPEATED FOR INFO STATES:
1. SY PRESUMES THAT RMO ADDIS CAN MEET LIBREVILLE NEED FOR THE ADDITIONAL MARINE REQUESTED REFTEL (REF A). WE PRESUME THAT LIBRE-VILLE NEEDS THIS MARINE TO BRING IT UP TO THE ESTABLISHED AUTHORI-ZATION. ADVISE. INGERSOLL.

3. BECAUSE OF CURRENT SIT THIS CO WITH SHORTAGE OF 12 W/S ANDLARGE NUMBER OF 4 AND 5 MAN POSTS CONSIDER ASG OF SIXTH W/S TO LIBREVILLE
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FROM CO F ASSETS WOULD CREATE UNACCEPTABLE STRAIN. THEREFORE REQ

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LIBREVILLE T/O SHORTAGE BE FILLED BY OTHER MSGBN ASSETS IF POSS. IF MSGBN CANNOT ASSIST, ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS AUTH THIS HQ TO REASG CPL HICKS (CL 1-75 ARR ADDIS 23SEP) TO LIBREVILLE. THIS WOULD PLACE ADDIS ON HAND STR AT 1/7 WITH FURTHER REDUCTION TO 1/6 WHEN CPL SWEEN EY
(REL UNSUIT) DEPARS IAW REF C NEXT WK. THIS SIT WOULD ALSO CREATE STRAIN, BUT IS BEST SOLUTION FROM AVAIL CO ASSETS AND COULD BE SUSTAINED FOR NO LONGER THAN 3 WK PERIOD. IF LATTER RECOM APPROVED, REQ LINE 1B OF REF D BE CHANGE TO READ "ADDIS REL FOR T/O SHORTAGE".

4. FOR RSO KINSHASA. RMO/RSS REQ CLARIFICATION PAR 3 OF REF E. REGARDING USE OF NCOIC AS BODYGUARD: SPECIFICALLY, HAVE ALL REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN PAR III F.2 OF REF F BEEN MET IN THEIR ENTIRETY? CONCERN EXISTS FOR BOTH YR CURRENT SIT AND SAFEGUARDING INDIV INTERESTS OF MARINES CONCERNED.

5. CO CO F SENDS.
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